

a center air bearing land surface arranged and configured with a portion extending between the first air bearing land surface and the second air bearing land surface;

a first streamline control element having a first portion located between the first air bearing land surface and the center land surface, and a second portion located in the lowered area; and

a second streamline control element having a first portion located between the second air bearing land surface and the center land surface, and a second portion located in the lowered area, wherein the first streamline control element and the second streamline control element function to reduce lubricant accumulation.

22. (NEW) The reduced lubricant accumulating slider of claim 21, further comprising a third streamline control element cooperatively connected to the first air bearing land surface and a fourth streamline control element cooperatively connected to the second air bearing land surface.

23. (NEW) The reduced lubricant accumulating slider of claim 21, wherein the first and second streamline control elements are raised above a mean plane generally defined by a surface of the lowered area and are less than or equal in height to the first and second air bearing land surfaces.

24. (NEW) The reduced lubricant accumulating slider of claim 22, wherein the third and fourth streamline control elements are raised above a mean plane generally defined by a surface of the lowered area and are less than or equal in height to the first and second air bearing land surfaces.

25. (NEW) The reduced lubricant accumulating slider of claim 21, further comprising a third air bearing land surface, wherein the first air bearing land surface and the second air bearing land surface are connected at an end of the first and second air bearing land surfaces by the third air bearing land surface.

26. (NEW) The reduced lubricant accumulating slider of claim 25, wherein the first and second control elements are arranged and configured such that a distance between the first and second control elements decreases as a distance to the third air bearing land surface decreases.